

With this donation, the college will be able to recruit 60 promising first-generation students from across Virginia into a four-year pre-college educational program in the field of engineering. The overall project is expected to provide 300 students with the gateway to pursue engineering degrees, as well as the monumental courage that will excel their careers for life. These students will experience an interactive engineering discipline, made possible through labs and a mentoring system.

Delegate May is the true embodiment of a public servant and an accomplished engineer. This donation to Virginia Tech's College of Engineering will, in this important age of technology and innovation, provide students from across the state of Virginia with valuable educational opportunities and, without a doubt, will positively impact their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Delegate May and the May Family Foundation for this extraordinary investment to future and prospective engineers, businesspeople, and leaders. This impact which will touch so many young lives will be forever valued as a selfless act meant to serve as a building block for a greater society. I look forward to Delegate Joe T. May's ongoing contributions to future generations of Virginia students, and I wish him and the entire May family the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING HELEN BLANK

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Helen Blank of the Women's Law Center for her lifelong advocacy on behalf of children and families. On July 19th, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor Ms. Blank as a Special Human Needs Hero. Each year, the coalition honors heroes who fight effectively to meet the needs of low income and vulnerable people.

For decades, Helen has been a true champion for families needing high quality and affordable care for their children. Before joining the National Women's Law Center, Helen served for 24 years as the director of the Child Care and Development Division at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF).

I first met Helen when she worked at CDF, and I was Chief of Staff for Senator Chris Dodd. We were partners in highlighting early childhood development before the passage of the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)—one of Helen's great achievements. Rarely does an advocate have such influence on the passage of a law, and this is no small or inconsequential law.

Since its enactment in 1990, the CCDBG has served millions of children and families, ensuring that all children can access affordable and enriching early learning experiences during their critical years of development. Perhaps no one has been as dedicated to its success as Helen Blank. She was there to see its funding double at the end of the Clinton Administration, and again to see it receive a huge infusion of resources in the Recovery Act of 2009 during the Great Recession. Most recently, her single focus on the critical nature of funding for CCDBG paid off again as earlier

this year the budget agreement included historic investments in child care.

She has built successful campaigns that have brought attention to the importance of early care and education for the development of healthy children. At times, it was an uphill battle to keep the issue front and center. During the second Bush Administration, when they proposed to make Head Start funding dependent on standardized testing, similar to the No Child Left Behind Act, Helen was there along with her powerful coalition to help us fight back.

Through her work, Helen has garnered a reputation as a steadfast and principled defender of the needs of children and their families. Her work has shined a light on the importance of early childhood education, provided guidance on successfully implementing legislation and funding in the best interests of children, and inspired hundreds of advocates who continue to champion the needs of our youngest. It is my honor and privilege today to recognize Helen Blank for her decades of hard work and dedication to the health and well-being of our children.

HONORING ROTARY CLUB OF CLAYTON'S 2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the eight individuals honored by the Rotary Club of Clayton this year.

Members of the Rotary Club of Clayton dedicate their time to their neighbors by illustrating the club's motto of "Service Above Self."

The Rotary Club gave its annual Wheel Award and J.C. Dover Wheel Award to Dan McAfee of Rabun County Habitat for Humanity and Dr. Guy Glover, respectively. Jim Antosiak received the W. Lee Arrendale Award for demonstrating altruism, strong vocation, and ethical standards.

Additionally, three first responders were recognized for their strength during times of crisis. Tony Lima received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award, James Reed received the Firefighter of the Year award, and Mike Carnes received the Paramedic of the Year award.

Mary Beth Brundage received the Jean Harris Professional Award, and the Rotary Club presented Tim Ranney with the Golden "R" Award—an honor given to a Rotarian who strives to improve the community and club as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate this year's award recipients and look forward to the continued impact that their service will have on the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes yesterday, July 16, 2018, as

I was unavoidably detained due to flight delays.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 329 and YEA on Roll Call No. 330.

CONGRATULATING THE Y QUAD CITIES ROWING PROGRAM'S JUNIOR WOMEN'S CREW FOR WINNING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CHALLENGE CUP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Y Quad Cities Rowing program's junior women's crew for winning the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in England. This is a first for the rowers, who are based out of the Sylvan Boat House in Moline, Illinois.

Coached by Dr. Peter Sharis and Assistant Coach Jamie Whalen, scullers Caroline Sharis, Delaney Evans, Emma Mask and Taylor English set a new course record at the prestigious regatta on the Thames River, becoming one of only two American crews to win at Henley this year and the first overseas crew ever to win the Diamond Jubilee Challenge cup. This impressive victory followed the team's win at the USRowing Youth National Championships in June.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Y Quad Cities rowers on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

HONORING SCHENCK FOODS COMPANY ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Schenck Foods Company, located in the northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, for 90 years of extraordinary success under the leadership of four generations of a family-owned and operated business. In 1928, the partnership of Bob Schenck and Howard Cahill founded the Valley Food Company, that manufactured Blossom Potato Chips. Thereafter, the company became the Schenck Cheese Company, distributing retail food items over a radius of 30 to 40 miles for Kraft Foods. And, in 1952, the company incorporated as Schenck Foods Company with a product line that included food service items to support institutional food customers.

Like so many other great American small businesses, the company responded to situations of adversity, such as severe economic downturns and competition from large chain stores, by establishing a corporate culture based on an absolute commitment to excellence both in products sold and in customer service provided, which has generated a stellar reputation for the company and wide regional consumer loyalty. Offering more than 5,000 different products, Schenck Foods

proudly serves more than 4,500 customers, within a 150-mile radius of Winchester, Virginia.

The company's relentless commitment to innovation has resulted in important partnership initiatives with local, organic, sustainable and farm-to-table providers and a revamped and comprehensive walk-in "warehouse store" that includes a large professional kitchen where chef-created tasting dinners will be held and food vendors may demonstrate their products and buyers may learn to use them. The Schenck Foods corporate culture of excellence includes not only a strong commitment to its more than 100 employees but also an unwavering commitment to philanthropy and giving back to the Winchester and northern Shenandoah Valley community that it serves. On behalf of the people of the 10th Congressional District, I thank the leaders and employees of Schenck Foods for their compassion and generosity.

In the invitation to its 90th anniversary celebration, current president and CEO, Jason Huntsberry, summed up the critical importance of the close relationships that have been established over the past nine decades, when he wrote: "On behalf of my family and the entire Schenck Foods family, both past and present, we want to thank you for allowing us to serve this great community for the last ninety years. Without the dedication and loyalty of our employees, customers and partners, our near century of success would not be a reality." Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the past and look to the future of this great company, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Schenck Foods Company for 90 years of amazing success and in anticipating for the company, an exciting future of innovation and outstanding corporate citizenship in the community that it has served so faithfully.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I missed two votes on 7/16/2018. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 329 and YEA on Roll Call No. 330.

REGARDING SPECIAL COUNSEL INVESTIGATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed by former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist about the need to protect Special Counsel Mueller's investigation from partisan political interference. The piece recently appeared in the Washington Post.

THE SENATE I LED PUT COUNTRY OVER PARTY. THIS ONE MUST DO THE SAME FOR ROBERT MUELLER.

(By Bill Frist)

Bill Frist is a heart and lung transplant surgeon, former U.S. Senate majority leader and senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center.

When I retired from the U.S. Senate in 2007 as its majority leader, my parting words were a prayer for my colleagues to rise above the passions of the moment and protect the institution as a bulwark for our country's enduring values. The Senate I served in was not devoid of partisanship, nor should it be, but my hope was that patriotism would always take priority over party.

It is with some trepidation that I offer thoughts on how the good people still serving in the Senate should address a current crisis, but staying silent is no longer an option. Special counsel Robert S. Mueller III is under assault, and that is wrong. No matter who is in the White House, we Republicans must stand up for the sanctity of our democracy and the rule of law.

Certainly, my former colleagues face difficult pressures. They go to work in a Washington that is divided. They want to ensure a Supreme Court that, like most of our citizens, understands that government power must be limited. They want a fair tax code that supports a growing economy. They want less regulation. By those measures, President Trump is a great partner at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. But we can't look the other way as, tweet by tweet, with each new assault on the Justice Department's independence, the bedrock principles of our party crumble.

I'm a Republican because I stand for small government and also, as a physician, for the dignity of every life. But I am also a Republican because I believe in the rule of law. Republicans must fight for that principle today—even if it means pushing back against a Republican administration. As a party, we can't let the president or his allies erode the independence of the Justice Department or public trust in the vital work of law enforcement. That would be true even if the stakes were much lower, but it is overwhelmingly so when it comes to investigating foreign interference in our elections. Congress must ensure that Mueller is able to do his job without interference or intimidation.

Nobody knows what the special counsel's investigation will conclude. I, for one, do not think the president colluded with Russian President Vladimir Putin to win the 2016 election. But I do believe Putin purposely tried to undermine our democratic process.

It isn't easy to tell a president of your own party that he is wrong. But the assault on Mueller's investigation does not help the president or his party. When Trump talks about firing the special counsel or his power to pardon himself, he makes it seem as though he has something to hide. The president must remember that only Mueller's exonerated can lift the cloud hanging over the White House.

The special counsel's investigation is not about Trump. It is about our national security. Every American should be rooting for Mueller's success in determining precisely how Russia interfered in our fundamental democratic process. I had no illusions about the Soviet Union during the Cold War, and I have none about Putin now. Mueller's most recent court filings indicate that Putin is seeking to meddle in this year's elections. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats and FBI Director Christopher A. Wray—all Trump appointees confirmed by the Republican-led Senate—have also warned of foreign inter-

ference. We should heed these warnings and empower Mueller to see his important work through to its conclusion.

I have worried over the years about run-away legal authority, and I've battled against activist judges. I don't worry about Robert Mueller. He is a lifelong Republican with a career of distinguished service running the Criminal Division of the Justice Department for President Ronald Reagan and serving as President George W. Bush's FBI director, twice unanimously confirmed by the Senate. And his investigation is getting results: By any objective standard, he has moved swiftly, obtaining 23 indictments and five guilty pleas in just more than a year.

Congress must never abandon its role as an equal branch of government. In this moment, that means protecting Mueller's investigation. We're at our best as senators and Republicans when we defend our institutions. But more than that, it's our best face as Americans.

People around the world admire not just the material well-being of the United States but our values, too. The rule of law is something many die trying to secure for their countries. We can't afford to squander it at home.

RECOGNIZING THE GENEROSITY OF CAROL GREGG

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Carol Gregg for her 20 years of service to foster care children in Northeast Georgia.

As a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer and employee of Prevent Child Abuse in Georgia, Mrs. Gregg discovered that foster care children and babies are in need of blankets. This inspired her to use crochet, a longtime hobby of hers, to connect with these children by creating blankets and afghans for them.

Mrs. Gregg's crocheted pieces reflect the warmth of the local community and benefit not only children in foster care, but families that open their homes. Moreover, her advocacy through CASA has inspired more residents to volunteer and offer support to the children and families.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mrs. Carol Gregg for her generosity and dedication to the foster children of Northeast Georgia.

IN HONOR OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Ms. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Sacred Heart Academy, a Christ-centered school awarded the National Blue Ribbon of Distinction, on the occasion of its 60th year of excellent service to the people of Winchester, Virginia and the northern Shenandoah Valley. Sacred Heart Academy was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in 1957. From the beginning, it has been committed to providing for its students, a safe and nurturing environment that is conducive to academic excellence and guided by a strong set of morals